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STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2014

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1. This document contains information concerning the arrears in annual contributions and in payments towards the working capital funds.

2. The following decision paragraph is proposed.

3. *The Program and Budget Committee took note of the Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2014 (document WO/PBC/22/7).*

[Status of Contributions follows]

ARREARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2014

Arrears in Annual Contributions (Except for Arrears of the Least Developed Countries, Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990)

1. The following table shows the arrears in contributions on June 30, 2014, under the unitary contribution system which has been applicable since January 1, 1994, and under the previously applicable contribution systems of the six Contribution-financed Unions (Paris, Berne, IPC, Nice, Locarno, Vienna) and of WIPO (for States which are members of WIPO but not members of any of the Unions), with the exception of arrears in contributions of the least developed countries (LDCs) concerning the years preceding 1990, placed in a special (frozen) account, which are not shown in this table but are shown in the table in paragraph 4 below.

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Afghanistan	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Albania		No arrears			
Algeria		No arrears			
Andorra		No arrears			
Angola		No arrears			
Antigua and Barbuda		No arrears			
Argentina	Unitary	14*		32 559	0.58
Armenia		No arrears			
Australia		No arrears			
Austria		No arrears			
Azerbaijan		No arrears			
Bahamas		No arrears			
Bahrain	Unitary	14		5 697	0.10
Bangladesh	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Barbados		No arrears			
Belarus		No arrears			
Belgium		No arrears			
Belize		No arrears			
Benin		No arrears			
Bhutan		No arrears			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Unitary	05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14		28 490	0.51
Bosnia and Herzegovina		No arrears			
Botswana		No arrears			
Brazil	Unitary	13*+14		110 791	1.97
Brunei Darussalam		No arrears			
Bulgaria		No arrears			
Burkina Faso	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Burundi	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276	45 031	0.80
Cabo Verde		No arrears			
Cambodia	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Cameroon		No arrears			
Canada		No arrears			

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				Total	
Central African Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	52 491	0.93
Chad	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	52 491	0.93
Chile		No arrears			
China		No arrears			
Colombia		No arrears			
Comoros	Unitary	06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14		12 816	0.23
Congo		No arrears			
Costa Rica		No arrears			
Côte d'Ivoire	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	67 072		
	Paris	92*+93	19 522		
	Berne	92+93	15 434	102 028	1.82
Croatia		No arrears			
Cuba		No arrears			
Cyprus		No arrears			
Czech Republic		No arrears			
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	159 959		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	90 326	282 040	5.02
Denmark		No arrears			
Djibouti	Unitary	12+13+14		4 272	0.08
Dominica	Unitary	10+11+12+13+14		14 245	0.25
Dominican Republic	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	104 096		
	Paris	70*+71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+ 80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89+ 90+91+92+93	937 794	1 041 890	18.57
Ecuador		No arrears			
Egypt		No arrears			
El Salvador		No arrears			
Equatorial Guinea	Unitary	12+13+14		4 272	0.08
Eritrea	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Estonia		No arrears			
Ethiopia		No arrears			
Fiji		No arrears			
Finland		No arrears			
France		No arrears			
Gabon		No arrears			
Gambia	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Georgia		No arrears			
Germany		No arrears			
Ghana		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (<i>Swiss francs</i>)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Greece		No arrears			
Grenada	Unitary	10+11+12+13+14		14 245	0.25
Guatemala		No arrears			
Guinea	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	52 491	0.93
Guinea-Bissau	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	92+93	3 858	48 889	0.87
Guyana	Unitary	14		2 849	0.05
Haiti	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Holy See		No arrears			
Honduras	Unitary	11+12+13+14		11 396	0.20
Hungary		No arrears			
Iceland		No arrears			
India		No arrears			
Indonesia		No arrears			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		No arrears			
Iraq	Unitary	13+14		11 394	0.20
Ireland		No arrears			
Israel		No arrears			
Italy	Unitary	14*		4 468	0.08
Jamaica	Unitary	14		2 849	0.05
Japan	Unitary	14		1 139 475	20.30
Jordan		No arrears			
Kazakhstan		No arrears			
Kenya		No arrears			
Kiribati	Unitary	14*		132	0.00
Kuwait	Unitary	14		11 395	0.20
Kyrgyzstan		No arrears			
Lao People's Democratic Republic		No arrears			
Latvia		No arrears			
Lebanon ¹	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+14	52 127		
	Paris	91*+92+93	20 499		
	Berne	91+92+93	51 102		
	Nice	91+92+93	3 206	126 934	2.26
Lesotho		No arrears			
Liberia		No arrears			
Libya	Unitary	13*+14		18 395	0.33
Liechtenstein		No arrears			
Lithuania	Unitary	14		11 395	0.20
Luxembourg		No arrears			

¹ Installment plan concluded in July 2006, in order to settle the arrears of the Paris, Berne and Nice Unions and under the unitary contribution system by ten yearly installments.

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				Total	
Madagascar		No arrears			
Malawi		No arrears			
Malaysia		No arrears			
Maldives		No arrears			
Mali	Unitary	12*+13+14		4 207	0.07
Malta		No arrears			
Mauritania	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90+91+92+93	13 276		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	52 491	0.93
Mauritius		No arrears			
Mexico		No arrears			
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Unitary	05*+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14		25 894	0.46
Monaco		No arrears			
Mongolia		No arrears			
Montenegro		No arrears			
Morocco		No arrears			
Mozambique		No arrears			
Myanmar		No arrears			
Namibia		No arrears			
Nepal	Unitary	13+14		2 848	0.05
Netherlands		No arrears			
New Zealand		No arrears			
Nicaragua	Unitary	12*+13+14		5 931	0.11
Niger	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	31 755		
	Paris	90*+91+92+93	10 567		
	Berne	90+91+92+93	7 460	49 782	0.89
Nigeria	Unitary	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14	324 583		
	Paris	92*+93	160 629	485 212	8.65
Norway		No arrears			
Oman		No arrears			
Pakistan		No arrears			
Panama	Unitary	14*		407	0.01
Papua New Guinea		No arrears			
Paraguay	Unitary	13*+14		2 982	0.05
Peru		No arrears			
Philippines		No arrears			
Poland	Unitary	14*		34 188	0.61
Portugal		No arrears			
Qatar	Unitary	14		11 395	0.20
Republic of Korea		No arrears			
Republic of Moldova		No arrears			
Romania		No arrears			
Russian Federation	Unitary	14*		55 510	0.99
Rwanda		No arrears			
Saint Kitts and Nevis		No arrears			
Saint Lucia		No arrears			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		14		2 849	0.05
Samoa		No arrears			
San Marino		No arrears			
Sao Tome and Principe		No arrears			
Saudi Arabia		No arrears			

State	Unitary/ Union/ WIPO	No Arrears/Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (Swiss francs)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Senegal		No arrears			
Serbia	Paris Berne Nice Locarno	93* 91+92+93 93 93	79 996 135 984 6 447 2 247	224 674	4.00
Seychelles		No arrears			
Sierra Leone		No arrears			
Singapore		No arrears			
Slovakia		No arrears			
Slovenia		No arrears			
Somalia	Unitary WIPO	94+95+96+97+98+99+00+01+02+03+04+ 05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+13+14 90+91+92+93	31 755 4 452	36 207	0.65
South Africa		No arrears			
Spain		No arrears			
Sri Lanka		No arrears			
Sudan		No arrears			
Suriname		No arrears			
Swaziland		No arrears			
Sweden		No arrears			
Switzerland		No arrears			
Syrian Arab Republic		No arrears			
Tajikistan		No arrears			
Thailand		No arrears			
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		No arrears			
Togo	Unitary	02*+03+04+05+06+07+08+09+10+11+12+ 13+14		17 928	0.32
Tonga	Unitary	14		2 849	0.05
Trinidad and Tobago		No arrears			
Tunisia		No arrears			
Turkey		No arrears			
Turkmenistan		No arrears			
Uganda	Unitary	13+14		2 848	0.05
Ukraine		No arrears			
United Arab Emirates	Unitary	14		11 395	0.20
United Kingdom		No arrears			
United Republic of Tanzania	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
United States of America	Unitary	13*+14		1 310 800	23.36
Uruguay		No arrears			
Uzbekistan		No arrears			
Vanuatu		No arrears			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Unitary	13*+14		12 750	0.23
Viet Nam		No arrears			
Yemen	Unitary	14		1 424	0.03
Zambia		No arrears			
Zimbabwe	Unitary	14*		504	0.01

Total amount of arrears

Unitary Contributions		3 792 909	
Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO		1 818 978	
Grand Total		5 611 887	100.00%

Observations

2. The total amount of the overdue contributions was, on June 30, 2014, approximately 5.6 million Swiss francs, of which 3.8 million Swiss francs concern the unitary contribution system, whereas 1.8 million Swiss francs concern the pre-1994 contributions in respect of the Contribution-financed Unions and WIPO. The total amount of arrears, 5.61 million Swiss francs (as shown in the above table), corresponds to 31.9 per cent of the total amount invoiced for contributions payable for 2014, this amount being 17.6 million Swiss francs.

3. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and September 1, 2014, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

Arrears in Annual Contributions of the Least Developed Countries Placed in a Special (Frozen) Account Concerning the Years Preceding 1990

4. It is recalled that, in accordance with the decision taken by the WIPO Conference and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions at their 1991 ordinary sessions, the amount of the arrears in contributions of any least developed country (LDC) relating to years preceding 1990 was placed in a special account, the amount of which was frozen as of December 31, 1989 (documents AB/XXII/20 and AB/XXII/22, paragraph 127). Such arrears in contributions, as at June 30, 2014, concerning the Paris and Berne Unions and concerning WIPO are shown in the following table. Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and September 1, 2014, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (<i>Swiss francs</i>)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Burkina Faso	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	214 738		8.06
	Berne	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	136 129	350 867	
Burundi	Paris	78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		214 738	4.93
Central African Republic	Paris	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	273 509		8.92
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	114 858	388 367	
Chad	Paris	71+72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	250 957		9.35
	Berne	72+73+74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	156 387	407 344	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	500 200		18.39
	Berne	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	301 015	801 215	
Gambia	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55 250	1.27
Guinea	Paris	83+84+85+86+87+88+89	148 779		5.28
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	81 293	230 072	
Guinea-Bissau	Paris	89		23 213	0.53
Haiti	Paris	79*+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		347 037	7.97
Mali	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		6.80
	Berne	76*+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	163 926	296 303	

State	Union/ WIPO	Year(s) of Arrears (<i>partial payment is indicated by an asterisk</i>)	Amount of Arrears (<i>Swiss francs</i>)		% of Total Arrears
				Total	
Mauritania	Paris	77*+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+85+86+ 87+88+89	219 120		8.49
	Berne	74+75+76+77+78+79+80+81+82+83+84+ 85+86+87+ 88+89	150 618	369 738	
Niger	Paris	81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	179 097		6.63
	Berne	80*+81+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89	109 915	289 012	
Somalia	WIPO	83+84+85+86+87+88+89		55 250	1.27
Togo	Paris	84+85+86+87+88+89	132 377		5.05
	Berne	83*+84+85+86+87+88+89	87 785	220 162	
Uganda	Paris	81*+82+83+84+85+86+87+88+89		168 885	3.88
United Republic of Tanzania	Paris	84*+85+86+87+88+89		119 223	2.74
Yemen	WIPO	87*+88+89		19 142	0.44

Total amount of arrears

Paris	2 924 250	
Berne	1 301 926	
WIPO	129 642	
Grand Total	4 355 818	100.00%

Amounts due towards the Working Capital Funds

5. The following table shows the amounts due, on June 30, 2014, in the payments by States towards the working capital funds that have been constituted, namely, those of two Contribution-financed Unions (Paris and Berne). Any payment that reaches the International Bureau between July 1 and September 1, 2014, will be reported to the Assemblies in a separate document.

State	Union	Amount due (<i>Swiss francs</i>)	
			Total
Burundi	Paris		7 508
Central African Republic	Paris		943
Chad	Paris	6 377	8 357
	Berne	1 980	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Paris	14 057	15 784
	Berne	1 727	
Guinea	Paris	7 508	10 423
	Berne	2 915	
Mauritania	Paris		384

Total amount due towards the Working Capital Funds

Paris Union	36 777
Berne Union	6 622
Grand Total	43 399

Evolution of Arrears in Contributions and Working Capital Funds Over the Last Ten Years

6. Since the introduction of the unitary contribution system in 1994 and the creation of new, more equitable contribution classes for the developing countries, the arrears in contributions have been reduced significantly. This reduction is partly explained by the total amount of contributions invoiced, which declined considerably between the years 1997 and 2012.

7. The following table gives the amounts of arrears in contributions (including the “frozen” arrears of the LDCs) and Working Capital Funds (WCF) since 2003.

Arrears in contributions as of December 31 (millions of Swiss francs)					
Year	Unitary contribution	Contribution-financed Unions	“Frozen” arrears	WCF	Total
2003	4.37	4.09	4.63	0.08	13.17
2004	3.09	3.92	4.63	0.08	11.72
2005	3.40	3.84	4.58	0.07	11.89
2006	4.10	3.79	4.54	0.06	12.49
2007	2.86	3.64	4.54	0.06	11.10
2008	2.38	3.07	4.45	0.05	9.90
2009	2.15	2.55	4.44	0.05	9.19
2010	3.12	2.43	4.41	0.04	10.00
2011	2.75	2.37	4.39	0.04	9.55
2012	2.26	2.28	4.39	0.04	8.97
2013	2.26	2.12	4.36	0.04	8.78

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